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SUBJ: WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION LAUDS U.S. ASSISTANCE

1. THE NATIONAL UNION OF MALIAN WOMEN (UNFM) HELD ITS FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE FEB 14-15 AT BAMAKO'S HOTEL D'AMITIE. ACCORDING TO MALI'S OFFICIAL DAILY L'ESSOR, THE YEAR OLD ORGANIZATION REVIEWED PROGRAMS AND PROGRESS DURING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR. THE PROGRAM ADOPTED FOR NEXT YEAR SOUGHT TO STRENGTHEN THE ORGANIZATION AS AN INSTRUMENT OF WOMEN'S EDUCATION, AND TO DEVELOP PROJECTS RELATED TO CONCRETE MALIAN REALITIES. WITH MALIAN FIRST LADY, MIRIAM TRAORE AS TITULAR PRESIDENT OF THE UNFM AND CHAIRWOMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, DELEGATES FROM MALI'S SIX REGIONS PASSED A RESOLUTION THANKING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT IN MALI.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SEVERAL OTHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY UNFM LEADERSHIP DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS HAD INCLUDED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND USAID IN EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION, THE FINAL RESOLUTION FOR THE CONFERENCE MENTIONED THE GDR, NORTH KOREA, THE USSR AND CHINA SPECIFICALLY, BUT FAILED TO MENTION THE UNITED STATES.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS DRAFTED DURING THE ABSENCE OF THE

FIRST LADY. WHEN SHE HEARD THE RESOLUTION ON RADIO MALI, HOWEVER, SHE CALLED THE STATON AND INSTRUCTED IT TO INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES AND USAID IN THE RESOLUTION AND RE-BROADCAST IT. THE TEXT OF THE FINAL RESOLUTION WAS SIMILARLY REVISED. USIS BAMAKO HAS ACTIVELY PROMOTED THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR IN ITS INFORMATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMING, AND PROVIDED FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO SEVERAL UNFM PROGRAMS. THE EMBASSY AND USAID ARE PRESENTLY DISCUSSING WITH UNFM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VARIOUS PROJECTS. WE CONSIDER THE FIRST LADY'S INTERVENTION AN UNUSUAL ACT OF APPRECIATION FOR PAST HELP AS WELL AS HOPEFUL ANTICIPATION OF FUTURE ASSISTANCE.

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